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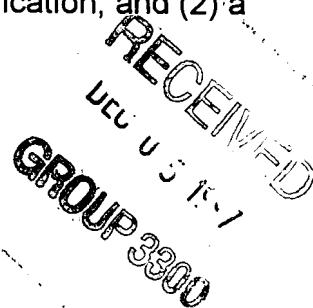
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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(1)

In accordance with their duty to disclose information which may be material to patentability under 37 CFR 1.97(b)(1) and 1.98, Applicants are submitting herewith (1) two copies of Form PTO-1449 (two pages) listing a number of references which are believed to be pertinent to the disclosure of the above-captioned application, and (2) a copy of each of the listed references as follows:

U.S. Patents

- U.S. Patent No. 4,832,003, issued 5/23/89 to Yabe;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,862,873, issued 9/5/89 to Yajima et al;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,867,137, issued 9/19/89 to Takahashi;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,873,572, issued 10/10/89 to Miyazaki et al;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,008,793, issued 4/16/91 to Copeland;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,033,528, issued 7/23/91 to Volcani;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,122,650, issued 6/16/92 to McKinley;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,191,203, issued 3/2/93 to McKinley;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,166,787, issued 11/24/92 to Irion;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,209,562, issued 5/11/93 to Glassford;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,222,477, issued 6/29/93 to Lia; and



U.S. Patent No. 5,513,827, issued 5/7/96 to Michelson.

Publications

"Desktop Color Video Camera For Scientific Applications", FlexCam Scientific; Videolabs, undated; and

Wood et al, "Stereoendoscopy Gives Surgeons Normal Vision", Photonics Spectra, September 1993.

It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (two pages) be returned to the undersigned with the next Official Action.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. If for some reason the Examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted by the Examiner by telephone in order that any deficiencies may be expeditiously remedied.

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